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Memo

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors
From: Doug Scott, Transportation Director
Date: March 11, 2015
Re: Basic Bus Bids and Maximum Depreciation

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-1006 and Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, the State Department of Education recently solicited bids for Conventional and Transit FE basic school buses. The January 2015 basic bus low bid will be used to set maximum depreciation reimbursements for a six month period. SDE will solicit bids again in June to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following six months.

School districts will continue to independently bid buses in accordance with bidding requirements outlined in Idaho Code. Districts may bid for school buses using individual specifications or may bid using the state basic bus specifications. Idaho basic bus specifications are available online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/transportation/>.

New school bus depreciation reimbursements will be limited to the state basic bus low bid plus any pre-approved safety options. The following table lists maximum depreciation allowed on district bus bids accepted between January 1 and June 30, 2015. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date.

Diesel	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)					
	41-42	53-54	65-66	71-72	77-78	83-84
Conventional	\$85,622	\$88,706	\$90,102	\$90,643	\$93,081	N/A
Transit FE	\$101,800	\$102,915	\$103,361	\$103,684	\$104,684	\$106,310

Type A	Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity)
	29-30
Diesel	\$64,577
Gas	\$54,072

In addition to the above listed maximum depreciation, the following safety options may be allowed as additional reimbursement on a pre-approval basis. Districts that need safety options beyond the basic bus, two-way radio, and four camera passenger surveillance system must submit a pre-approval request in advance of bidding the bus. Bus safety option pre-approval requests should be submitted online via IBUS (Idaho Bus Utilization System). The following table reports the maximum reimbursement added to the basic bus for each safety option and the amount removed for non-reimbursable options.

Safety Options <u>Not</u> Requiring Pre-Approval	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
Four camera passenger surveillance system	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$1,656
Two-way radio communication system	\$900	\$950	\$763
Safety Options <u>Requiring</u> Pre-Approval	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
Air conditioning	\$10,000	\$8,500	\$8,807
Air Ride	Rear Only \$1,400 Front & Rear - \$2,100	\$820	\$811
Alternative Fuel Liquefied Petroleum Gas Propane	\$9,000	\$10,200	\$13,668
Alternative Fuel Liquefied Petroleum Gas Compressed Natural Gas	\$25,000	N/A	\$29,435 RE Transit
Automatic chains	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,232
Electromagnetic driveline retarder	N/A	\$9,453	\$9,619
Empty/passenger bus check system (included in basic bus price)	\$180.00	STD	\$186
Engine retarder	(*VGT) \$400	N/A	N/A
Exhaust retarder	(*VGT) \$400	\$508	\$431
Flat floor	N/C	\$960	\$1,823
Front bumper-mounted student crossing arm	\$400	\$120	\$358
Full track seating	\$14,000 (9 wc positions)	\$5,669	\$2,532
Heated entry steps	\$350	\$331	\$355
Pre-school age seating (C.E. White or equivalent) per seat in-lieu of standard passenger seat (4 seats included in basic bus price)	(2 position CR seat) \$750	\$764	\$703

Roof-mounted rear air deflector	\$700	\$560	\$481
Second stop arm – left side rear	\$220	\$345	\$359
Three point seat belt (Per Seat)	Non-track \$550	\$450	\$304
Track seating per station	1 Station \$1,000	\$682	\$719
Wheelchair lift package	Ricon \$5,500 Braun \$6,000	\$7,100	\$8,095
Non-Reimbursable Options (not all-inclusive)	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
Additional <u>price per camera</u> for passenger surveillance systems with more than four cameras	\$180	\$475	\$304
Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat	\$54	\$23.50	\$22.60
Tinted passenger window glass (28%)	\$100	\$600	\$379
White roof	\$175	\$456	\$583
Non-Reimbursable Extended <u>Engine</u> Warranties	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
5 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	N/A	N/A	\$959
7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$1,165
7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component	\$600	\$1,800	\$556
10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage	\$4,150	\$4,200	\$4,252
10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component	\$800	\$2,000	\$1,015
10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage	\$4,700	N/A	N/A
Non-Reimb Extended <u>Transmission</u> Warranties	Blue Bird	International	Thomas
5 year unlimited miles extended coverage	STD	STD	STD

Please contact SDE with any questions on the new basic bus bids or maximum depreciation. Bus sizes or types that fall outside the basic bus specifications will be depreciated at a rate not to exceed the prior year's average low bid price.